

## Hot Off the Grill: TripAdvisor Dishes Out America's Best Burger Restaurants Hops Burger Bar in Greensboro, North Carolina Named #1 in the U.S. Smaller U.S. Cities Deliver Big Taste

**NEWTON, Mass., July 1, 2015** – TripAdvisor®, the world's largest travel site\*, today announced the top burger restaurants in the U.S., based on the millions of reviews and opinions from the TripAdvisor community. From the classic patty with lettuce and tomato, to the unconventional donut burger, these joints serve up mouthwatering creations that are sure to hit the spot.

### Top 10 Burger Restaurants<sup>1</sup> in the U.S.

#### 1. **Hops Burger Bar** – Greensboro, North Carolina (176 reviews, 4.5 out of 5 bubbles on TripAdvisor)

Serving premium Angus burgers on buttery brioche buns, this popular eatery pairs each patty with a side of crispy fries salted to perfection. Guests can choose from a variety of burger options including the Hops Classic, or the Hawaiian topped with sweet and spicy chili sauce, blue cheese and grilled pineapple. "Best burgers in Greensboro and beyond! If you like a thick and juicy burger, then this is the place for you," commented a TripAdvisor reviewer.

#### 2. **Black Hills Burger and Bun Co.** – Custer, South Dakota (497 reviews, 4.5 out of 5 bubbles on TripAdvisor)

This small, family-run establishment serves up big taste with its homemade burgers and buns. Guests rave about the "Fat Smitty," a premium cut patty piled high with delectable toppings including a fried egg, bacon, and tangy garlic aioli. A TripAdvisor reviewer noted, "Possibly the best burger restaurant I've been to. The food is always freshly cooked, tasty, satisfying and they have lots of options."

#### 3. **Nic's Grill** – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (198 reviews, 4.5 out of 5 bubbles on TripAdvisor)

Known for its piquant patties smothered with flavorful accoutrements, this burger haven frequently has a line that extends out the door. Reviewers rave about the famed Onion Burger that is perfectly grilled and served with fresh and savory curly fries. "One of Oklahoma's iconic meal experiences. The food, the smell and the ambiance grab you by your taste buds!"

#### 4. **Billy Bob Dairyland** – Branson, Missouri (531 reviews, 4.5 out of 5 bubbles on TripAdvisor)

Decorated in 1950s décor, this retro American diner prides itself on its half-pound juicy burgers and creamy malt milkshakes. Guests can devour a succulent single or double stack while enjoying classic tunes from the jukebox. A TripAdvisor reviewer wrote, "The best 'mom and pop' place in town. Fresh large homemade burgers and shakes with lots of sides to choose from."

#### 5. **Stock and Barrel** – Knoxville, Tennessee (235 reviews, 4.5 out of 5 bubbles on TripAdvisor)

The Stock and Barrel is lauded for its fresh, locally-sourced ingredients used to create its mouthwatering meals. Travelers can choose from traditional beef patties, or opt for a smoked salmon, turkey or black bean quinoa burger. A TripAdvisor reviewer noted, "The burger was cooked perfectly with high-quality meat. The toppings and seasonings were delicious and not so overpowering that you lose the taste of the hamburger."

#### 6. **Coyote Bluff Café** – Amarillo, Texas (281 reviews, 4.5 out of 5 bubbles on TripAdvisor)

This quaint saloon-style hotspot boasts a menu of hearty "Prairie Patties" made with lean ground beef and a variety of buns. Spicy food fans can test their taste buds with the "Burger from Hell," smothered with sautéed jalapeños, Coyote Hell Sauce, and Tabasco. "They have the most delicious burgers you could ever taste. The portions are large and the atmosphere is wonderful – everyone is so friendly. It may be small, but leaves a big impression," commented a TripAdvisor reviewer.

#### 7. **MELT Gourmet Cheeseburgers** – Leesburg, Virginia (168 reviews, 4.5 out of 5 bubbles on TripAdvisor)

This distinguished burger bistro crafts its own patties using all natural Angus beef. Diners also recommend the golden French fries, sea-salted onion rings and stout beer milkshakes. A TripAdvisor reviewer wrote, "They have traditional and gourmet burgers. I had a lamb burger which was absolutely amazing! The hamburgers are humongous. And the taste, well let's just say you need to try one."

#### 8. **Village Burger** – Waimea, Hawaii (327 reviews, 4.5 out of 5 bubbles on TripAdvisor)

Using local sourced ingredients, this island gem embodies the spirit of aloha by proudly supporting its community. Their signature patties are made with select cuts of fresh chuck and brisket and can be topped with a variety of fixings including fresh avocado and Ahualoa chipotle goat cheese. "Everything is grown right here on the island. Their beef is amazingly fresh and absolutely delicious. I recommend you try this place – you won't be disappointed!" noted a TripAdvisor reviewer.

#### 9. **Brook's Gourmet Burgers and Dogs** – Naples, Florida (874 reviews, 4.5 out of 5 bubbles on TripAdvisor)

Offering more than 15 gourmet creations including the "Fig and F.I.N.E" burger paired with buttered onions, fig jam and goat cheese, and the "Donut," a patty served between two sweet glazed rings, this Sunshine State eatery is anything but ordinary. A TripAdvisor reviewer commented, "One of the best kept secrets in Naples. No question they offer an amazing choice of delicious and juicy burgers. The staff is as wonderful as their food."

#### 10. **MacPhail's Burgers** – Jackson, Wyoming (291 reviews, 4.5 out of 5 bubbles on TripAdvisor)

Set against the majestic Teton mountain range, this rustic restaurant serves authentic tastes of the Old West. Travelers are invited to dine upon a grass-fed Angus burger or a succulent buffalo patty; each made daily to ensure savory satisfaction. "We ordered the Buffalo Meal and it was wonderful; an excellent value. Everything was fresh and the sweet potatoes fries were outstanding," added a TripAdvisor reviewer.

"Travelers on the hunt for the great American burger can look no further than this list of top spots that are a cut above, according to the TripAdvisor community," said Brooke Ferencsik, director of communications for TripAdvisor.

**Notes to editors:** <sup>1</sup>The TripAdvisor list of the top burger joints in the U.S. is based on the reviews and opinions of TripAdvisor travelers, taking into account the quality, quantity and ratio of reviews mentioning burgers submitted over an 18 month period. Featured restaurants have a minimum of 100 reviews and 10 locations or less.

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